

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

The international studies program offers a varied interdisciplinary humanities curriculum, global in scope and designed to increase students' knowledge about the cultures and traditions, languages, literature and media, history, values, concerns, and aspirations of peoples in different countries and regions of the world. The goal of the program is ultimately also to both broaden students' comparative intercultural perspectives and develop their cross-cultural communication abilities. Within each chosen concentration, the interdisciplinary range of offerings allows for flexibility in configuring each individual's course of study, which can be organized in a manner that best suits a student's particular needs.

Student learning outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will know how to do the following:

International studies core learning outcomes

- Critically analyze culturally specific as well as global issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives
- Demonstrate knowledge of universals and differences in worldviews and ethical systems (values) across a range of cultures
- Demonstrate cross-cultural communication skills and cultural sensitivity to interact effectively in international and/or multicultural settings, and engage with cultural difference in an informed and compassionate fashion
- Demonstrate intermediate college-level proficiency in a second language in each of the four modalities: speaking, listening, reading and writing

European studies concentration-specific learning outcome:

- Demonstrate historical, political, literary and cultural competency in the region

Experiential learning and study abroad

Each student completing a degree program within the School of World Studies is required to complete a World ePass as part of their experiential learning requirement; students are also encouraged to participate in a study abroad program. For more information on the ePass portfolio and study abroad opportunities, students may visit the overview page for the School of World Studies (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/college-humanities-sciences/school-worldstudies/>).

Special requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, students must complete 120 course credits, at least 36 of which must be in the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.25. Students must take at least 21 credits total of upper-level (300- or 400-level) courses within the major, with a minimum of **nine** credits at the upper level earned at VCU (not through transfer credit). The focus of a degree in international studies is interdisciplinary and should reflect a well-rounded mix of courses

completed in a variety of disciplines (e.g. ANTH, HIST, POLI, SOCY, WRLD and foreign languages such as FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN).

International studies majors are encouraged to complete the course requirements for a minor that will broaden their international studies perspectives. Minor options are varied and may be chosen from a broad range of subject areas. Students also may want to consider a second major. Advisers will work with students to explore the benefits of a double major and a minor.

Students must fulfill an experiential learning requirement through an approved internship, service-learning course or study-abroad program. Within the core requirements, students must complete six credits of foreign language study through the advanced level (300 level or higher). Native speakers of a language not taught at VCU can demonstrate fluency through evaluation to meet the requirement and then substitute six credits of additional course work chosen from the concentration electives to complete the degree. For students studying a foreign language not taught at VCU, or for which no upper-level courses are offered on campus, the School of World Studies advisers will assist the student in identifying appropriate language study options at other U.S. institutions or abroad. International studies majors also must fulfill the college general education requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

To major in international studies, students must take course work that fulfills the requirements for the concentration chosen.

Degree requirements for International Studies, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a concentration in European studies

Course	Title	Hours
General education (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/general-education-curriculum/)		
Select 30 credits of general education courses in consultation with an adviser.		30
Major requirements		
• Major core requirements		
INTL 215	International Studies in the Professional World	3
INTL 375	Interdisciplinary Methods for International Studies Research	3
INTL 465	Rethinking Globalization	3
INTL 490	Senior Capstone in International Studies	3
WRLD 210	International Social Justice Studies	3
WRLD 302	Communicating Across Cultures	3
• Additional major requirements		
Foreign language courses (300 level or higher)		6
• Concentration requirements		
Select courses to complete the requirements described in the list below.		12
Ancillary requirements		
HUMS 202	Choices in a Consumer Society	1
INTL 101	Human Societies and Globalization (satisfies general education BOK for social/behavioral sciences and AOI for global perspectives)	3
WRLD 495	World ePass Portfolio	0

Experiential fine arts ¹	1-3
Foreign language through the 102 level (by course or placement)	0-6
Foreign language through the 202 or 205 level	0-6
Open electives	
Select any course.	38-52
Total Hours	120

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Courses offered by the School of the Arts

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.

Concentration courses

The concentration in European studies requires a total of 12 elective credits of interdisciplinary course work. A maximum of six elective credits within the concentration may be earned within the same discipline (e.g. HIST, SPAN, POLI, RELS, etc.) Courses marked “when appropriate” require preapproval from the School of World Studies Advising Office.

Course	Title	Hours
Select a minimum of 12 credits from the following, with a maximum of six credits per discipline.		12
ANTH/INTL 350	Rethinking a Continent: Europe	
ANTH/INTL 455	Anthropology of Development and Globalization (when appropriate)	
ARTH 305	Classical Art and Architecture	
ARTH 310	Medieval Art and Architecture	
ARTH 315	Renaissance Art and Architecture	
ARTH 320	Baroque and Rococo Art and Architecture	
ARTH 324	18th-century Art in Europe	
ARTH 325	19th-century Art in Europe	
FLET 391	Topics in Foreign Literature in English Translation (when appropriate)	
FREN 320	French Civilization and Culture	
FREN 321	Francophone Civilization and Culture	
FREN 420	French Regional Culture	
FREN 421	French Contemporary Culture	
FREN 425	French Media	
FREN 450	Francophone Literatures and Cultures	
FREN 491	Topics in French (when appropriate)	
FRLG/INTL 345/ URSP 350	Great Cities of the World (when appropriate)	
GRMN 320	From the Vandals to Kant: Civilization and Literature I	
GRMN 420	The Turn of the Century	
GRMN 321	From Faust to Nazism: Civilization and Literature II	
GRMN 322	From Kafka's World to the EU: Civilization and Literature III	
GRMN 423	Folk/Popular Culture	
GRMN 424	Culture and Society	
GRMN 425	Language in Context: ____ (when appropriate)	

GRMN 491	Topics in German (when appropriate)
HIST 101 or HIST 102	Survey of European History
HIST 310	The Early Middle Ages
HIST 311	High and Later Middle Ages
HIST 312	Europe in the Early Modern Period, 1350-1650
HIST 313	Europe in Absolutism and Enlightenment, 1648-1815
HIST 314	The Zenith of European Power, 1815-1914
HIST 315	The Age of Total War in Europe, 1914-1945
HIST 316	Postwar Europe, 1945 to the Present
HIST 391	Topics in History (when appropriate)
HIST 329	History of Spain and Portugal
HIST 330	History of Gender and Sexuality in Europe I
HIST 331	History of Gender and Sexuality in Europe II
HIST 404	Studies in Modern European History: ____
INTL 291	Topics in International Studies (when appropriate)
INTL 325	Nature, Culture, Justice
INTL 341/ RELS 340	Global Ethics and the World's Religions
INTL 445	Activism and Dissidence
INTL 491	Topics in International Studies (when appropriate)
INTL 492	Independent Study (when appropriate)
ITAL 320	Italian Cinema: ____
ITAL 330	Themes in Italian Literature: ____
ITAL 391	Topics in Italian (when appropriate)
MGMT/INTL 419	Doing Business in Europe
POLI/INTL 352	European Governments and Politics
POLI/INTL 365	International Political Economy
RUSS 311	Conversation and Media
RUSS 330	Literature and Culture: ____
RUSS 422	Russian Film
RUSS 491	Topics in Russian
SPAN 320	Civilization of Spain I
SPAN 330	Survey of Spanish Literature
SPAN 420	Civilization of Spain II
SPAN 433	Don Quixote
SPAN 491	Topics in Spanish (when appropriate)
WRLD 311	Civilization of the Mediterranean
WRLD 325	The Humanities in International Studies
WRLD 391	Topics in World Languages and Cultures (taught on campus, and when appropriate)
WRLD 422	World Cinema Cultures (when appropriate)

WRLD 491	Topics in World Languages and Cultures (when appropriate)	
Total Hours		12

Courses taken through an accredited study abroad program must be preapproved through the SWS Advising Office.

What follows is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements within a four-year course of study at VCU. Please contact your adviser before beginning course work toward a degree.

Freshman year

Fall semester		Hours
INTL 101	Human Societies and Globalization (satisfies general education BOK for social/behavioral sciences and AOI for global perspectives)	3
UNIV 101	Introduction to the University	1
UNIV 111	Focused Inquiry I (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
Play course video for Focused Inquiry I		
Foreign language 101 (FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN)		3
General education course (select quantitative foundations)		3-4
Term Hours:		13-14
Spring semester		
HUMS 202	Choices in a Consumer Society	1
UNIV 112	Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
Play course video for Focused Inquiry II		
WRLD 210	International Social Justice Studies	3
Concentration course (HIST 101 or HIST 102 recommended)		3
Foreign language 102 (FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN)		3
Open elective		3
Term Hours:		16

Sophomore year

Fall semester		
INTL 215	International Studies in the Professional World	3
UNIV 200	Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
Foreign language 201 (FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN)		3
General education course		3
Open elective		3
Term Hours:		15
Spring semester		
Concentration course		3
Experiential fine arts		1-3
Foreign language 202 (FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN)		3
General education course		3

General education course	3
Open elective	3
Term Hours:	16-18

Junior year

Fall semester		
INTL 375	Interdisciplinary Methods for International Studies Research	3
Concentration course		3
Foreign language (FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN; 300 level or higher)		3
General education course		3
General education course		3
Term Hours:		15

Spring semester

On-campus or study abroad semester		
WRLD 302	Communicating Across Cultures (if not taking WRLD 391 during study abroad; may also choose open elective)	3
Concentration course		3
Foreign language (FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN; 300 level or higher)		3
Open electives		9
Term Hours:		18

Summer semester

Optional study abroad (recommended); credits completed during study abroad will decrease open electives needed in subsequent semesters:

In consultation with an academic adviser, 0-6 credits in INTL, a foreign language relevant to concentration or degree electives	0-6
Term Hours:	0-6

Senior year

Fall semester		
INTL 465	Rethinking Globalization	3
WRLD 495	World ePass Portfolio	0
Experiential learning requirement (if not already satisfied)		0-3
Foreign language course 300-level (if pursuing minor in FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS or SPAN) or open elective		3
Open electives		6
Term Hours:		12-15
Spring semester		
INTL 490	Senior Capstone in International Studies	3
Foreign language course 300-level (if pursuing minor in FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS or SPAN) or open elective		3
Open electives		9
Term Hours:		15

Total Hours:	120-132
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